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## United Church

The Church School, 2:00 p.m.  
Public Worship, 7:30 p.m.  
At the close of the worship hour the annual congregational meeting of the church year will be held, when the officials of the church will be elected and reports received from each organization of the church.  
Presidents and secretaries of all societies please note and have your reports ready. You are all invited to attend.  
Rev. Geo. A. Shields,  
Minister.

## Masquerade Dance at Bindloss

A masquerade dance was held in the Bindloss hall on January 25. The weather was extreme. In spite of this setback, however, there was a very fair attendance. The costumes were varied, embracing many characterizations. A good time is reported.

## January Coldest Month

According to the Free Press, Winnipeg, January, 1929, will go on record for the Province of Manitoba as the coldest January for sixteen years. Undoubtedly this would hold practically throughout the entire West.

R. J. Nickel is building an ice house.

## DINNER TIME!

Watch your food and watch health! Health is but a wise man's wealth.  
Health is wealth and you get your money's worth in this restaurant. Wholesome abides in this, the home of modern dishes with the old-fashioned flavor.

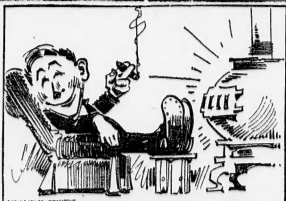
**White Lunch**  
Good Meals at Popular Prices  
Give us a trial when in town

N. Frappier, proprietor

## SCHOOL SCRIBBLERS

and other School Supplies and Requisites. You will find our stock is most complete.

## EMPRESS DRUG CO.



What Do I Care About 40 Below?

When I've got four tons of the hottest coal that ever came out of the earth.  
This coal is some I got from the Empress Lumber Yard, and it's great—the best heating coal I ever saw.  
If you want some of this superior coal, they have lots of it left at no higher prices than you pay for the other kind.

The Empress Lumber Yards

J. N. ANDERSON, prop.

## Wheat Pool News

T. Cleveland, of Delacour, who raised over 50,000 bushels of wheat last year, has signed a Wheat Pool Contract. He will seed 4000 acres this year.

When the 25 per bushel farm storage payment came into effect on January 16th, the receipts at Alberta Pool Elevators almost doubled for a considerable period. 200,000 bushels a day were received for some considerable time.

Great interest was taken in the hearing held by the Grain Commissioners on the question as to whether or not Pool members can direct their grain through line elevators to Pool terminals. A. A. McGillivray, solicitor for the grain dealers, held the Pool member had relinquished this right when he signed a Pool contract. M. M. Porter, Alberta Pool solicitor, maintained that the Pool farmer had not deprived himself of this right given under the Canada Grain Act. Decision was reserved.

E. B. Ramsey, manager of the Canadian Wheat Pool, was in Calgary for several days conferring with the directors of the Alberta Pool. Mr. Ramsey addressed a Pool meeting at Okla on the night of Friday, January 25.

## "Ramona" Showing at Empress Theatre, Feb. 8-9

"Ramona" will be the feature attraction at the Empress Theatre next week. It is said to be one of the biggest attractions on the screen for the forthcoming season.

Helen Hunt Jackson, author of "Ramona," wrote the story with as deliberate a purpose as did the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

In fact, historians refer to "Ramona" as the "Uncle Tom's Cabin" of the Indians.

Mrs. Arden and children have been evicted from the house this week with "flu."

## McEachern's Rink Win Birk's Event at Calgary 'Spice

The Empress rink returned home on Monday from Calgary, winners of the Birk's trophy. The members of the rink were, M. Tarr, J. Rauch, W. Leach, D. McEachern (skip). The excellent showing they made in their games throughout the 'spice is a cause for much congratulation. Apart from the Birk's trophy they won eight games and lost three. In the Birk's competition they had given successive wins, defeating in the order named, McKimley, of Three Hills, Edwards, of Didsbury, Wellman, of Blackie, Blancy, of Cannore, Polke, of High River.

This succession of wins gave them the trophy to hold for a year, and a handsome silver tea set apiece. This is the first rink from the town to make such an excellent showing at the western city b-nspiel, and Ledbridge has been completed by the contractor, McDonald & Foster and their gravel-crushing outfit has been moved to within a few miles of Pluisher.

## Chickens and Cod Liver Oil

It has been found that feeding 2 per cent of Cod Liver Oil in the meal of the brooding birds during the winter months, results in a livelier and more active and healthy brood.

It pays to give the baby chick a rich ration from their mothers, in their first feed, the yolk. And then, particularly if it is early in the season, go and feed the chicks a little cod liver oil.

Here is what it does. When a chick is hatched, it has legs but no bone. The first you can call it is cartilage or gristle. Under natural conditions, the sunlight would pour down upon the chicks and the shorter rays, or ultra violet light, would enable the chick to utilize the mineral matter in its food in developing gristle into bone.

Under present dry artificial conditions of rearing, especially early in the season, when chicks are indoors, they can't get the benefit of the sun's direct rays. Feed them as much mineral matter as you will, and their bellies will grow but their legs won't harden. They will get "leg weak" or "rickets." Cod liver oil added to their ration, however it should not contain a bit of lime to make bone, contains the vitamins necessary to enable the body organism to

## Bonspiel Date Postponed

A curling meeting was held in the hotel on Thursday evening last. It was decided to commence the local b-nspiel on February 5. However, we now understand the date has been altered to February 10. The cause for the change was not told, is the prevailing severe weather.

## Successfully Defend Hobberlin Trophy

Two rinks from Success, Sask., were Empress visitors on Thursday last, to contest for the Hobberlin Curling Trophy. The opposing skips were, R. L. Arthur and F. Scholfield. The Empress rinks were successful in retaining the cup on the aggregate number of points scored. R. L. Arthur's rink won their game by a good margin. F. Scholfield's rink lost a closely contested game.

## Work Continues

### On Highways

The gravelling of the Red Trail between Macleod and Ledbridge has been completed by the contractor, McDonald & Foster and their gravel-crushing outfit has been moved to within a few miles of Pluisher. From here work is being started on the gravelling of the section of road between that point and Macleod. On the completion of this work, Ledbridge and Macleod will have all-weather roads through the Crown's Nest on the west and Edmonton on the north.

"Ramona," the picture with the great human appeal is being shown at the theatre, February 8 and 9.

The chick to utilize the food elements in the rest of its ration and build a bony framework that is hard and sound to support the growth of the muscles and tissues.

Feed 2 per cent cod liver oil to your brooders this winter and then 1 per cent to your early chicks next spring, and you will have better chicks, less fever of them and do away with the old bug-a-bon of leg weakness.

A hen can produce up to her capacity only when she is fed so that all parts of the body are nourished.

Egg production depends first on how the hen was reared. Large digestive and productive capacity are due to the chick having obtained the feed and care which makes most of its inheritance—Alex. Taylor Hatcher.

## Enjoyable Dance in Theatre

The dance on Wednesday night in the theatre, met unfavorable conditions in the form of severe weather. However, there was a fair attendance, the dancers had a real enjoyable time. Pending the arrival of Geo. Kiddler and his orchestra the local musicians rendered the music. George had an extra good brand of melody and kept the dancers tripping the light fantastic to away into the early morning hours. The dance was sponsored by Messrs. V. Saunders and Barnes.

## Frank Sparrow Now Announcer in Boxing Arena

From Drumheller Mail: "Announcer Frank Sparrow read a challenge from Scotty Lukster, who is ready to meet the middleweight champion in Drumheller on March 18."

## Mortgage Sale of Valuable Farm Property

Under and by virtue of the Powers of Sale provided by the land Title Act under a certain mortgage which will be produced at the time of the sale.

There will be offered for sale by public auction at the front of the Hotel in the Town of Empress in the Province of Alberta, on Saturday, the 16th day of February, 1929, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the following property, namely: The South-East Quarter of Section Thirty-five (35), in Township Twenty-three (23), in Range Two (2), West of the Fourth Meridian, containing 160 acres more or less: EXCEPTING and RESERVING such exceptions and reservations as are expressed in the existing Certificate of Title or may be implied in connection therewith.

Terms of the sale to be 20 per cent cash at the time of the sale, and the balance according to the terms and conditions to be made known at the time of sale or upon application to the vendor's solicitors.

The above property will be offered for sale subject to a sealed conveyance and free from all encumbrances save taxes for the current year.

The vendor is informed that the above property is situated about 10½ miles from Empress and that there are one hundred and forty acres cultivated; house 20 ft. x 40 ft. and barn; half-mile two wire fence.

For further conditions and particulars of sale, apply to Macleod, Robertson, Winter and Edmondson, Solicitors for the Plaintiff at Calgary, Alberta.

DATED at Calgary, Alberta, the 31st day of December, 1928.

MACLEOD, ROBERTSON, WINTER & EDMONDSON,

Vendor's Solicitors.

Approved: "W. FORBES," Registrar.

## Yorkshire Boars

Yorkshire Boars for service now at the home of the undersigned. This boar is a real Boar type, recently received from the G. R. farm at Strathmore. Those interested please take notice: T. C. Rogers, Bindloss, Alta.

## Combines Numerous

Some 1,005 combine harvesters were purchased in Alberta in 1928 bringing the total number in operation in the province up to 1,316 according to a survey recently conducted by a western farm paper. Purchases in the three prairie provinces during the year totalled 3,857 of which 2,356 were in Saskatchewan and the remaining 206 in Manitoba. The sales in the three provinces in 1928 represent an increase of 611 p.c. over the sales in the previous year.

A number of our citizens are on the sick list, suffering from heavy colds and "flu."

## BABY CHICKS

Canada's Broiler-Layer, White Leghorns, Barred Rocks, Reds, Wyandottes, White Rocks, Anconas, Minorcas, Orpingtons. From stock, trap-nested and inspected flocks. Big Discount for Orders received January 1st. Write for Free Catalogue. Alex. Taylor's Hatchery, 302 Furby St., Winnipeg, Man.

## The Empress BAKERY

Get Your Bread, Cakes and Pastry from us.

Town Deliveries made if required.

**MURRAY**  
The Baker

## Winter Goods

Windbreakers and Sweaters, Pullovers and Coats at

10 per cent. Off

Mackinaws, G.W.G. and Carra's at

Greatly Reduced Prices

**SPECIAL**  
Fleece-lined Underwear, combs, at 1.55

**F. G. Sandercock**  
If Men Wear It, Sandy Has It

## EMPRESS THEATRE

This Week:  
"A Hero On Horseback"

with  
HOOT GIBSON

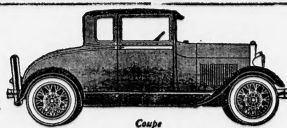
Prices: 50c and 25c.

Next Week:

**DOLORES DEL RIO**  
IN  
"RAMONA"

A picture that must be seen for thrilling entertainment!

Prices: 60c, H. S. 35c and 25c.



Coupe

How seldom the family car is at your disposal. But a personal car, ready at your command, is both a convenience and a pleasure. A car that you can drive confidently in traffic, that you can park in an extremely short space, that responds to your lightest touch, with more speed than you will ever need. And above all perhaps in your estimation, a car so smart and distinguished in appearance that it gives a little thrill every time you see it parked, burnished and gleaming, waiting for you. The New Ford.

N. D. Storey, the Ford Man



# United States Greatly Concerned Over The Anti-War Treaty

Washington. — The concern of members of the Senate foreign relations committee over extent of ratifications of the Kellogg-Briand anti-war treaty is shown in testimony of Secretary of State Kellogg before the committee. Only portions of the testimony, given several days ago, have been divulged.

Mr. Kellogg said he did not believe the United States would be required to go to war against any signatory power violating the treaty. He also believed that ratification of the treaty could not involve recognition of Russia by the United States, quoting instances of four multilateral treaties not involving recognition of a signatory power and indicating a reservation clause as useless.

The secretary believed that the pact does not deprive a power of right to self-defence measures and that the Monroe Doctrine could be considered such a measure for the United States. He explained that the British government would have to proceed right without, as with, the British notes on the treaty.

## Will Ask Clearance Ban On Rum Ships

U.S. Likely To Make Request At Washington. — When the anti-smuggling conference meets in Ottawa this month, it is practically certain that the United States delegation will ask that clearance of vessels containing liquor which is probably destined for the United States be refused by the Canadian government. This country also will work for a recognition of the principle that offences against the Volstead Act should be made extraditable offences.

The United States delegation to Ottawa probably will include M. R. Lerman, Dr. George Doran, commissioner of prohibition, Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney, and H. V. Vallance, solicitor for the department.

## Self-Government For India

Want Dominion Status Rather Than Complete Independence. — Self-governing dominion status for India rather than the alternative of complete independence, was the policy urged upon the All-Indian and Indian League at its opening session by Maharajah Mahabudhad, the president.

He declared the Indian constitution gave India undeniable security and was a valuable asset to Indian nationalism, "which must face labourous decades before reaching stately manhood," he added.

## Aerodrome Buried In Snow

New Delhi, India. — Hundreds of women and children from Kabul Afghanistan, apparently has been effected just in time, since latest aerial surveys indicate that the aerodrome in the Afghan capital is two feet deep in snow and that no more flying is possible.

## Friend Of King Dies

London, Eng. — Lord Lambourne, one of King George's old friends, died at Bishop's Hall near Romford, Essex, aged 81. He was a keen rival of the King at horticultural shows.

# British Columbia To Launch Program For Lower Grain Rates

Victoria. — British Columbia will soon launch a campaign to secure for its farmers drastic reduction in domestic grain rates, for many years a leading objective of the whole agricultural industry. Premier B. F. Trillick has announced.

Meanwhile when the Railway Commission sits in Vancouver early in January, the province will ask for heavy reductions in express rates to benefit farmers generally, but particularly to assist the fruit industry of the interior, the premier said.

"We are not ready yet to launch our domestic grain rate application," the premier explained, "but meanwhile we are going ahead with the express rate hearing. The domestic rate situation is most unsatisfactory to this province and the industry."

## Alleged Bandit Killed

One Of Bandits Suspected Of Murdering Druggist, Slain In Gun Battle

Winnipeg. — Carl McGee, a 31-year-old farm hand alleged by police to be one of the bandits who murdered Dr. Digby Poyntz, 56-year-old druggist, in his store recently, is dead, and Detective Sergeant Charles McIvor, of central headquarters staff, is in hospital seriously wounded, following a gun battle in front of a rooming house on McBurnet avenue, in the centre of the city. McGee had received a mysterious telephone call and was attempting to leave the house when he was accosted at the door by McIvor and another officer.

McGee, according to a police statement, immediately opened fire, wounding McIvor. The detectives then fired, and McGee dropped with seven bullets in his body. He was instantly killed.

## Byrd Expedition Hears Christmas Broadcast

Program Enjoyed By Crew Now In Antarctic Seas

Montreal. — A new record for distant transmission of voice by radio, was made when a Christmas Eve message from Commander Byrd, received by George A. Wendt, of the Canadian Broadcasting Company. Commander Byrd announced receipt on board his flagship, New York, which is in the Antarctic sea, and that the Christmas broadcast put on for the benefit of the explorer and his crew by the Westinghouse Pittsburgh station. Commander Byrd also stated his ship was now within sight of the great ice barrier, and its destination.

## New York Making Raid On Criminals

Police Commissioner Thinks Worst Type Will Leave City

New York. — An exodus of criminals is under way in New York according to Police Commissioner Grover Whalen. He believes that a "lot of law in the end of a night stick." After two days of intensive raiding, Whalen said he had captured 3000 and 1000 criminals. He refused to reveal their names.

In addition, the commissioner disclosed that several gunmen were caught. From now on a special effort will be made to rid the city of that type of criminal, Whalen said.

## Prize Winner Named

New York Man Wins \$25,000 For Best "Dry" Law Plan

New York. — Major Chester P. Mills, former federal prohibition administrator for the New York District, has won \$25,000 because his plan was adjudged the best submitted for enforcement of the prohibition laws.

The money was offered by W. C. Durant, automobile manufacturer, contesting the law. It is due when proper preparations can be made, the work will start. There is no use going ahead with it at this time, he said so that at the Vancouver sitting of the Railway Commission we shall pursue only our application for lower express rates.

Isaac Pittblado, K.C., of Winnipeg, will represent British Columbia, Saskatchewan and the Manitoba before the commission in Vancouver. This agreement by which the western provinces are represented jointly was reached some time ago and adopted at a preliminary hearing on express rates in Ottawa. It will be continued in the coast hearings of the commission.

## Disastrous Fire In Hull Hospital

Nun Fatally Burned But Patients Were Removed Safely

Hull, Que. — Thirty-seven patients, many of them mothers with babies, some a few hours old, were carried from Sacred Heart Hospital here early Christmas morning when a fire in the laundry chute spread over the entire central portion of the building.

One nun died during the afternoon as a result of burns she sustained when she put out the blaze with a chemical extinguisher. She is Sister Celice, formerly Miss M. Chevier of Cartierville, Que. She was 22 years of age.

The patients were taken to residences near the hospital and later most of them were transferred to the Water street hospital, Ottawa.

So far as could be ascertained none of them were seriously affected by the fire. The blaze was caused by a fire in the laundry chute, which was extinguished by Sister Celice, who was 22 years of age.

Property damaged was estimated at \$70,000.

## Three Killed When Train Strikes Auto

Two Small Children Hurled From Car

Chaplin, Sask. — Knute Hammeberg, and Mr. and Mrs. "Scotty" McGowan, all residing in the valley near Chaplin, were instantly killed at the C.P.R. crossing a mile west of Chaplin when a freight train crashed into the Chevrolet touring car driven by Hammeberg.

Two small children of Mr. and Mrs. McGowan, aged three and five years, were hurled out of the car and escaped without a scratch. They were found afterwards huddled together hiding in the bush near the right of way.

## Radio Conference To Meet

Allocation Of Short-Wave Channels Will Be Discussed

Ottawa. — Resumption of the short-wave radio conference in Ottawa on January 9 next, was announced by the department of marine. It will be attended by representatives of the United States, Mexico, Cuba and Newfoundland.

This conference met in Washington Type VIII Leave City. In August last to discuss the allocation of short-wave channels, but no conclusion was reached then. It was stated that the main purpose of the forthcoming conference will be to endeavor to reach an agreement in regard to division and remaining channels which are available.

## Four Flu Epidemics

Washington. — Another outbreak of flu more severe in nature than the disease now prevailing is regarded as a possibility later in the winter by Surgeon-General Canning. He said "that the main purpose of the forthcoming conference will be to endeavor to reach an agreement in regard to division and remaining channels which are available."

## Income Tax For Bermuda

Hamilton, Bermuda. — Decrease in the export of trade of Bermuda, which includes onions, potatoes and celery, chiefly shipped to the New York market, has caused much concern, and the Colonial Parliament now in session is planning adoption of the income tax to meet expenses for running the government during the next fiscal year.

## HONORARY SURGEON



Sir Hugh Hynor, honorary surgeon to his majesty, who has been in attendance at the bedside of the British monarch.

## Prince Asks Relief For Welsh Miners

Nearly Two Million Persons In Need Of Immediate Help

London, England. — The Prince of Wales' appeal broadcast on behalf of the distressed miners of Britain has awakened the country to the plight of nearly two million souls, who now constitute an economic burden to the country.

The Prince made his appeal on behalf of the Lord Mayor's fund for the relief of the distressed mining areas. He pointed out that 250,000 miners were unemployed, which meant at least 750,000 dependents, other estimates place the figure much higher, and it is generally accepted that there are now nearly a million persons in the mining and allied industries idle. In addition, there are approximately another million persons receiving relief from the poor law.

Many remedies have been suggested, ranging from a reform of the banking system so as to make credit for productive industry available at normal interest to a great scheme for public works.

## Union Of Escaped Prisoners

French Soldiers Who Escaped From German Prison Camps, Have Organized

Paris. — Thousands of soldiers of the new world who escaped from German prison camps have banded together to form a union of escaped prisoners. They will hold annual meetings to talk over their war-time experiences, but their principal aim is to take care of the widows and orphans of other soldiers whom they know to have been killed in attempts to escape.

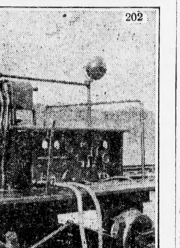
Once each year they will hold a banquet at which they will toast their good luck.

## Women And Children Removed

Calcutta, India. — A British airship has arrived at Peshawar from Kabul, with 11 French and 10 German women and four children, belonging to the French and German legations. The women were cheerful, and reported that all was quiet in Kabul. Their husbands remained at the capital.

## Was Friend Of Mark Twain

Hanibal, Mo. — Mrs. Laura Fraser, 91, Mark Twain's oldest sweetheart, and the "Betty Thatcher" of "Huckleberry Finn" and "Tom Sawyer," died recently at the home of a son, Judge L. E. Fraser.



## A Jolt Eliminator

This machine recently placed in operation by the Canadian Pacific Railway, is one of the many things which contribute to the smooth ride on the coast. By holding a deposit of nickel steel to the worn rail surface at the joints with this apparatus and grinding a smooth surface the bump at the joint is practically eliminated. The machine which propels itself by electricity consists of a gasoline motor which runs two generators supplying power to the electric metallic arc welding apparatus and a grinder.

# Huge Sum Is Added To Value Of Wheat Crop Through Superior Seed

## Queen Appreciated Message From Canada

Governor-General Receives Thanks For Greetings To King George

Ottawa. — A message from Queen Mary, at Buckingham Palace, where King George is slowly improving from his serious illness, was forwarded by the Governor-General, to Premier Mackenzie King, at Laurier House, Ottawa.

"On this Christmas morning," said the Queen, "my children and I thank you from our hearts."

The Queen's message in reply to one sent by Premier King, conveyed to King George Christmas greetings on behalf of the government and people of Canada who "join our prayers to those of all parts of the Empire for the complete restoration of your Majesty to health and strength."

The message from her Majesty said: "Please be assured that the message of greetings which you have so kindly sent on behalf of the King's government in Canada and the people of the Dominion will be highly appreciated and valued by the King when he progresses to recovery is sufficiently advanced for him to receive it personally."

## United Farmers Of Canada

Saskatchewan Section To Meet In Regina In February

Saskatoon, Sask. — The annual convention of the United Farmers of Canada, Saskatchewan section, will be held in Regina, February 12, 13, 14 and 15.

The provincial board of the Co-operative Marketing Society will meet February 9, and the convention of the new Co-operative Wholesale Society on February 11, also in Regina. The board of directors of the United Farmers will meet in Regina, February 8. Preliminary delegates will be sent from the wheat pool, live stock pool, egg and poultry pool, U.F.M., U.F.A., United Farmers of British Columbia, U.F.O., and the farmers' alliance.

## Receive Salary Increases

Officers And Clerks In Federal Income Tax Office Are To Benefit

Ottawa. — Something over a thousand officers and clerks of the federal income tax division throughout Canada received a substantial gain on the eve of Christmas in the form of an increase in salary. What is more, the increase is retroactive to April 1st last — the beginning of the fiscal year.

The raises vary from forty dollars to nearly eight hundred a year, according to the position held and the responsibility attaching it. To income tax division is not under the civil service act and those who are employed in it have not received a raise in their salaries in recent years extended to other branches of the service.

## Special Plates For Doctors

Winnipeg. — In connection with the issuing of automobile license plates, at the Legislative building, a special arrangement for the benefit of physicians has been made. Plates from 4,000 to 5,000 are being reserved for them, no notice when the applications are received.

# Branch Line Program Of Canadian National Will Be Extensive

Montreal. — The Canadian National Railway, it was officially announced, will ask parliament, when it reassembles in January or February, for authority to construct additional branch line mileage, the program presented to be carried to completion within the succeeding three years.

Sir Henry Thornton, chairman and president, and S. J. Hungerford, vice-president, in charge of operation and construction, have made a study of the branch line needs of the national system and their recommendations are now being completed.

While no details are forthcoming at present, it is definitely known that the program from Aberdeen to Montreal, Sask., will be requested and it is understood that the new branch line program may be somewhat larger than that presented to parliament in April, 1927, when 600 miles of new lines were included. Due to the fact that parliamentary sanction was not given to the program in 1927, excellent progress was made in that year, and in 1928 on the work authorized. As a consequence working forces and construction equipment will be available early in the summer of 1929 for the new construction program.

It is expected that the program will keep pace with agricultural and other development.

Ottawa. — More than one hundred million dollars have been added to the value of Canada's annual wheat crop through the introduction of superior wheat varieties and strains by several plant breeding stations.

This information was elicited in an interview with L. H. Newman, Dominion cerealist, on the progress of grain research work being conducted at the various experimental stations of the federal department of agriculture.

Artificial crossing of a large number of imported varieties of wheat and the evolution of new strains through selection from established varieties have produced types of wheat which have elevated the Dominion to the premier position among the wheat-producing countries of the world, Mr. Newman said.

He admitted fertility of soil and favorable climatic conditions were also important factors. "But without strains that will excel in such points as yielding capacity, precocity, strength of straw, milling and baking qualities, our supremacy might be challenged," Mr. Newman observed.

"It is probably safe to say that in few countries, if any, has the work of the scientific breeder of plants contributed more directly and substantially to national prosperity, than it has in Canada," Mr. Newman declared.

## Will Not Reveal Contents Of Note

Trapper Claims It Tells Details Of Kamloops Disaster

Sault Ste. Marie. — The mystery surrounding the character of the note which was found in the stomach of a trapper, who was found in a bottle at the mouth of the Agawa River recently, deepens as Count refuses to show it to officials of the Canadian Steamship Lines.

The trapper claims that the note was written by one of the crew of the lost freighter Kamloops, which disappeared a year ago in a storm on the Great Lakes.

The exact fate of the Kamloops has been a mystery. Count claims that his note gives details of the disaster which overtook the freighter, which was lost with all hands. Count says he will reveal the contents of the note in his own time.

## Australia's Capital Costly

Country Spent Millions Establishing Federal House Of Canberra

Sydney. — Canberra, the capital of Australia, has been built on such a huge scale that it will be many years before the government can meet the interest bill on the cost.

The total capital revenue expenditure of the government in connection with the activities in the Federal Capital Territory, including revenue which has been received and expended was \$25,726,000. Parliament House also has cost approximately \$3,750,000.

## Record For Motor Car Fatalities

Chicago. — There were 32 deaths from automobile accidents in Chicago over Christmas—one of the largest death lists from such a cause ever recorded during a holiday period here. The fatalities brought the annual toll to 1,000 for the year to 1,001, which is a record.

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## Making Profit On Finished Cattle

Points To Be Considered In Buying Feeder Cattle

Many cattle feeders who purchase their stock in this condition hold the view that the animals must bring double the purchase price after they have been fattened in order to make a profit. The Experimental Farms have worked on this problem and have reached the conclusion, expressed in pamphlet No. 21, of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, that there are two points of importance to be considered in the buying of feeder cattle; first, other things being equal, the higher the purchase price of the cattle the smaller the margin necessary to break even. That is, a 1,000 pound animal costing \$7 per cwt. and gaining 300 pounds at a cost of \$12 per cwt. would have to sell for \$5 per cwt. to break even. It would give a margin of \$1 between buying and selling price. If the same animal was bought at \$10 per cwt. and made the same gains it could be sold for \$10.40 per cwt. and still break even, in which case, the margin necessary to break even would be only 40 cents per cwt. But there is the question of the weight of the animal purchased. Other things being equal, the heavier an animal is when placed in the feeding pen the smaller the margin necessary between buying and selling price to leave a profit, the advantage in selling price being obtained for a greater number of pounds on account of the higher initial weight. A 1,000-pound animal bought for \$5 per cwt. making 200 pounds gain, and sold on a 2 cent spread, yields a gross profit of \$34, while a 1,100-pound animal under the same conditions would give a gross profit of \$36, the extra \$2 being made up of the 2 cents a pound spread on the extra 100 pounds initial weight. This, however, does not hold true for animals that attained their increased weight through age and consequent maturity.

Covering a period of 25 years in the financing of feeder purchases, the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, has learned that an average spread of \$1.50 per cwt. between the buying and selling price yielded a fair profit. It is pointed out that it would take steers of exceptionally good quality, carefully fed, to yield a realizable profit with a spread of less than \$1. A spread of \$1.50 to \$2 per cwt., the pamphlet states, should be the aim of the feeder.

### Constructive Spending

Faying Out Money To Improve One's Self Is Saving

Henry Ford is quoted as saying: "No successful boy ever saved any money. They spent it as fast as they got it for things to improve themselves."

That has a pleasantly sensible sound in contrast with such adages as "A penny saved is a penny earned." Existence may be provided for by saving, but living requires constructive spending.

Mr. Ford's philosophy is directed toward preparation for work and all that is more and better work. He "never knew a young man that was worth five cents that wouldn't work." The young man who saves and spends for improving himself can not miss his share of success.

### A New Excuse

The Judge (sternly)—Well, what's your alibi for speeding 60 miles an hour through the residence section?

The Victim—I had just heard you honor, that the ladies of my wife's church were giving a rummage sale and I was hurrying home to save my other pair of pants.

### The Judge—Case dismissed.

### A Lavender Farm

A few miles from the British Columbia capital is the only lavender farm on the American continent, operated by a woman, Mrs. O. M. Jones. Several acres of lavender are grown and manufactured on the spot into perfume.

The best argument for present day styles is the family album.



"Now, shall I marry you? I believe that if my wife were still alive she would advise me not to."—Nagels Ludwig Wolf, Berlin.

### Oldest Magnifying Glass

The oldest magnifying glass known in the world was discovered in the ruins of Nineveh. Its magnifying power must have been noticed, but it was probably used not as a magnifying glass, but as a burning-glass. The lens as an aid to vision dates only from the Middle Ages.

## Advises Against Using Concentrated Feeds

Feed Can Be Grown On Any Farm, Says Expert

In the dairy districts it is becoming rather common for the man to raise his milk or cream cows across the road and buy concentrated feed with it to keep up the milk flow of his herd. In too many cases, according to L. H. Newman, of the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa, too big a proportion of the revenue is added to the farm here by a recent thoughtfulness of the farmer to purchase we are planning a number of experiments with the object of demonstrating that more concentrated feed can be grown on the average farm, so that the farmer will be able to make his purchased feeds go farther, explained Mr. Newman. "We are planning to increase the amount of protein grown on the acre."

Peas will be used as the backbone of the experiment as peas are a highly concentrated feed, rich in nitrogen. Peas will be mixed with other feeds to balance the ration, and, what is more important, to hold up the vines so that harvesting may be conducted upon the ordinary machinery and at the ordinary expense, in places where there has been trouble with crown rust in the peas, will be substituted.

In experiments, various varieties of oats and peas, barley will be used as well as the peas. Taken together, and what combination gives the biggest returns in protein.

Many people who object to growing peas in the garden are of the erroneous belief in harvesting, have no objection with another crop. Mixed with oats, which will grow into very rich hay green, and he can allow them to ripen together and then cut them to feed, which can be used to replace or supplement the imported concentrated feeds. The main problem of the experiment will be to get oats and barley which will ripen with the peas so there will be no loss through shattering.

### British Labor Plank

Remember That Emigration Will Be Main Plank In Next Election

The recent pronouncement of British Labor leaders, notably that of Mr. H. H. Asquith, former foreign labor secretary, have led to rumors that Labor at the next general election will make one of its main planks the free-reaching scheme of state-aided emigration, to transfer at least 250,000 men from Great Britain to the dominions, with free passages and guaranteed employment at fixed minimum wages.

Mr. Henderson, in a speech at Penarth, Wales, said he for one would endorse a well-considered policy of state-aided emigration for men seeking employment for mining.

Exhaustive inquiries among leaders of the Labor party and the trade union movement in London, have led to the conclusion that the plan would be a plank in the party platform. It appears, however, to be a fact that the Labor party has had years of consideration the possibilities of an emigration policy on general lines, but as far as can be gathered any scheme adopted by the party will have to be governed entirely by the machinery and co-operation of the trade unions at home and in the dominions. The proposal is at present purely in the suggestion stage, and there is nothing to indicate that it will be adopted as an official policy to be put forward prominently at the general election.

### Many Underground Seas

One Third of Water Is Under Surface Of Earth, Says Scientist

Beneath the surface of the earth is to be found one-third the total volume of the oceanic waters, says a scientist who has just concluded investigations of barred rivers and caves. The earth's ground water has been accumulating for countless ages, and extends to great depths, perhaps six miles, and percolates slowly through the porous and jointed rocks, to form a great system of underground drainage.

The Artist—Last week you declined one of my pictures with regret.

The Editor—Yes? The Artist—Here's another. And never do anything that you will afterwards regret.

## Egyptians Built First Ships

Real History Of Boat-Building Begins On Banks Of Nile

Shipbuilding had its birth on the banks of the Nile, according to the belief of Prof. Elliott Smith, expressed in the London Magazine.

Although, he says, at a very early period the history of mankind logs out facts of various kinds were used by many people to cross narrow sheets of water or for paddling along coasts, the real history of boat-building began when the earliest dwellers on the banks of the Nile tied together bundles of reeds to make boats.

These simple craft not only determined the form of the wooden ships that succeeded them, but the methods of construction for making the reed floats, i.e., tying them together with cords, were also adopted when wooden ships came to be built by adding planks to the hollowed-out logs which eventually degenerated into the mere keel of the composite ship. Thus the earliest Egyptian term for shipbuilding was the word signifying "to bind." Even at the present time we stick to the upon the Nile all these primitive types that are survivals of phases in the history of shipbuilding, some of them more than six centuries old.

## Has Interesting History

Church In England Has Old Bell From Quebec

One of the finest peals of bells in England is to be found in All Hallows' Church, Tottenham. One of the bells, known as the "Saints Bell," a curious story attaches.

It was the alarm bell to the garrison of Quebec when that fortress was in possession of the French, and tradition says that when General Townshend, who had been the commander of the British forces in Canada, was investing the city, and negotiations were in progress for its surrender, two British sailors climbed up over the walls under cover of darkness and walked off with it. All Hallows' is said to have been founded by King David, of Scotland, early in the twelfth century.

## Saskatchewan Egg Pool

Largest Co-Operative Marketing Association Operated By Women

The Saskatchewan Egg and Poultry Pool with a membership of 18,000 made up largely of farmers' wives, handled 70 per cent. of the eggs marketed in the province in 1927, and about 86 per cent. of the eggs handled. The total volume of business reported by the Pool in 1927 amounted to \$721,259. It is probably the largest co-operative marketing association in point of membership which is operated almost entirely by women. The president is a woman, and three of the four others directors are women.

## Canadian Foxes For Europe

Twenty pairs of foxes were shipped recently from Quikheim, B.C., to Gothenburg, Sweden, to be used for breeding purposes on the fox farm of G. Carroll at Gothenburg. The shipment was valued at \$20,000. Another 30 pairs from the same district are shortly to be shipped to France.

## Many Combines Sold

Approximately 3,700 combines, at an average cost of \$4,000, or a total of \$14,800,000, were sold in Western Canada this year, according to report.



## Patricia Parsons

Patricia Parsons and Pat are now on their way round the world. Patricia comes from New York, and Pat is a wharf jumper who joined the Empress of Australia, at Southampton. When they met in New York, sailing day, they became old friends immediately. The highlights of Patricia's trip to twenty-two countries for Pat will be the highlights for Patricia. Patricia will be sighted at twenty-six ports.

## Meteors Seldom Fall In Civilized Places

Only Two Cases Recorded Of People Being Struck

Much is said and written regarding falling meteors. Only two known cases of persons being struck by these heavenly missiles, are on record.

From Japan comes the second reported instance of a meteorite striking a human being. A tiny pebble of celestial origin seared the neck of a three-year-old baby girl at near Tokyo. A tremendous number of meteorites bombard the earth each day, but they seldom fall within range of civilization. There is only one fatal accident on record, when a man was killed in India, in 1827 by a falling stone. The tiny stone weighing only a few grains, that hit the Japanese girl was found in the child's dress, still warm, and proved to be a typical meteorite with a black crust, formed by melting in its swift through air.

## Lives Among The Clouds

Ranger In British Columbia Keeps Watch For Fires

There is a ranger in British Columbia who even in summer obtains his water from snow. From his lookout station nine thousand feet up Mount Cartier he keeps watch for fires over an area containing 130 million feet of timber. He is a lonely business, although in theory many a British boy would like to change places with him, but he is in telephone touch with the headquarters of the district fire-departments and at any sign of danger he can bring to his assistance an army of rangers at very short notice.

"Till you use thing chemistry has given to the world."

"Blondes."

Purniture made of steam pipes has been exhibited in Paris.

"Oh, no. Much. I never got to know it very well."—Wisconsin Octopus.

## Prominent Canadians

What For Fires

There are three well-known Canadians shown above after being presented to President Coolidge. From left to right they are: Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of the Interior, and Hon. Louis-Alexandre Taschereau, prime minister of Quebec province. They were guests at the recent international banquet in New York.



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## Prospectors Suffer Hardships

Make Two Hundred Mile Trip Through Northern Quebec

The hardships and privations of north country travel before the last freeze up that were endured by a party of prospectors who reached Amos, Quebec, after a two hundred mile trip through one of the roughest and wildest parts of northern Quebec, between Mattagami Lake and Amos, were told in an article published in a Toronto daily.

The party, led by Major Cunningham Dunlop, a well-known geologist and mining engineer, of Italyville, Ont., made the journey in nine days, enduring almost incredible hardships, travelling the last three days without food and with their equipment and clothing in the last stages of disintegration. Members of the party stated that but for the skill and expert knowledge of the country displayed by their seventeen-year-old half-breed guide, they would never have reached Italyville.

For fifteen and sixteen hours a day the party marched through the slash and snow, carrying the packs themselves and helping the dogs with the toboggans. They slept in the open under tarpaulins, and so weakened were they at the end of the journey that they were unable to make the last twelve miles to the settlement.

The reason for a party of experienced prospectors such as these undertaking a long journey at this time of the year was due, according to Major Dunlop, to the failure of the airplane to bring in supplies and the serious condition of one of the members of the party who had contracted blood poisoning.

## Hold Back Two Airplanes

Jugo-Slavian Athlete Antagonizes People With Exhibition Of Strength

A Jugo-Slavian athlete recently gave a remarkable demonstration of strength, when he held back two aeroplanes that were endeavoring to leave the ground.

A passenger machine was lashed to his right arm and a sporting model to his left, and their engines were started.

Although both aeroplanes pulled with all their engine power, the athlete succeeded in holding them motionless. Spectators covered the banks in horror at the prospect of the man being torn asunder.

## Electric Light For Nazareth

Nazareth, where Christ lived and worked as a carpenter, has turned to modern illumination to replace ancient methods. The town council has completed an agreement with the Reubenberg Electric Corporation to install a lighting system which will be completed before the end of next year. Until now the only illumination has been candles or kerosene lamps.

## Required Practice

"Please hurry," said the wife impatiently to her husband: "have you never listened to a doctor before?"

"No," replied the husband, also impatiently. "I have never had a dress buttoned before behind."

## No Cause For Thanks

Mother—"It's very naughty of you to leave your dinner—after you've said your grace so prettily."

Little Grace—"I shouldn't have said it at all if I'd known it was rice pudding."

## The Conquest Of Disease

Man First Destroyed Largest Prey—Tyrants Only To Fall Before Onslaught Of Microbes

"Man has destroyed the largest living creature only to fall victim to the smallest—the microbe or germs of disease."

Dr. A. Grant Fleming, director of the Montreal Anti-Tuberculosis League made this assertion in the course of an address at a special Sunday night meeting of the Canadian Society of Hygienists, while speaking on "The Conquest of Disease."

Dr. Fleming declared that the conquest of disease is a story of the past, the present and the future all in one and deals with the interesting and comparatively little known struggle between human bodies and their enemies. Since man's history began he has had to struggle for existence, first with the large animals so that they would not crush him out of existence, secondly with the soil to gain the necessities of life and now with disease which causes so many ills to humanity.

Drugs are valuable up to a certain point, about 24 hours in the case of a small percentage of the advertised remedies but what is claimed for them would have long ago vanished from our midst. There are no trade secrets in the medical profession, for when an important discovery is made it is published in the press and the public receives the benefit from it. Such was the case with the discovery of insulin by Dr. Fleming.

For many years disease was accepted as a necessary evil, a fact unknown to man, the tissues of his body were fighting against his foe—disease germs. Sometimes the tissues were successful for the man had within himself something that enabled him to overcome the disease. Then came science, forcing an understanding of what disease was and having ascertained its causes and the factors which enabled man to overcome it, was able to give to the world a coordinated method of prevention and cure. Death and disease then suffered many defeats.

"The fight against disease is continuous," said Dr. Fleming, "and one that is fought without the possibility of a truce. It is fought for the benefit of humanity by men who give their lives to the work and whose contrivances have made possible the conquest of smallpox, the control of diphtheria and the discovery of vaccines and toxins which construct many disease germs."

Civic departments of health are responsible, in many instances, for low death rates, for they spend in wise manner the money which is provided by the people for health purposes.

## Air Mail For Leithridge

To Be Southern Terminal Of An Inter-City Air Line

It is intended to make Leithridge the southern terminal of an inter-city air line connecting Leithridge, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, and Calgary and Edmonton. Plans eventually extending to connect up with the Great Falls-Salt Lake City air mail across the border. In preparation for this the Great Western Airways (Leithridge) has been formed.

The man caused the train out to the end of the platform but failed to catch it. As he slowly walked back to the station napping his brow, some helpful soul asked: "Miss the train?"

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